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GENERAL MAXIMS.

1. THE President shall interpret all the Laws in this Code according to the STRICT LETTER; but should the Interpretation of any law given by him appear incorrect, the sense of the Society may be taken upon it, on a Motion being made to that effect, and supported by FIFTEEN Members.

2. The Society's Hall and Library shall be open to Members DAILY, from NINE A.M. to TEN P.M., except on Sundays, on the Fast Days appointed by the Church of Scotland, and during the hours appropriated to Divine Service on the Saturday preceding and Monday following the Communion Services of that Church. No Meeting for business of any kind shall take place either at such times, or on Good Friday or Christmas Day.

CHAPTER I.

OF ORDINARY MEETINGS.

1. The Society shall hold its First Meeting of each Session for Private Business on the FIRST Friday of November. On the SECOND Friday of November the first Dissertation shall be read, and Meetings shall be held on each succeeding Friday, until TWENTY subjects shall have been discussed. But there shall be no Meeting on Good-Friday, nor during the week from Christmas-Day to New-Year's-Day inclusive; and if Christmas-Day should fall on a Friday, the Meeting shall be held on the preceding Thursday.

2. The Ordinary Meetings shall commence at five minutes past SEVEN o'clock P.M., and shall continue until dissolved by the President.

3. The Private Business shall be first considered, but shall not be protracted beyond five minutes before EIGHT o'clock, except for the express purpose of the collection of Fines (Chap. XVII., Law 8), and of Annual Contributions (Chap. VI., Law 8), the Election of Office-Bearers or Committees, or allowing new Members to sign the Laws. If the Private Business shall not be fully considered within the time appointed, it shall be resumed either at the next Ordinary Meeting, or at an Extraordinary one to be appointed for the purpose. There shall be an adjournment for a few minutes between Private and Public Business.

4. The Secretary, at the beginning of Private and end of Public Business, shall call over the names of the Presidents and Ordinary Members, according to seniority. But

if the Society be not adjourned at ELEVEN o'clock, instead of the last Roll a Paper shall be signed by the President, and placed in the Library for the signature of Members. The Members absent at either Roll, or who neglect to sign the Paper, shall be fined SIXPENCE for each Roll. If, at any time during the course of Public Business, previous to ELEVEN o'clock, the President shall observe that there are not TEN Members (exclusive of the President in the Chair) in the room, he shall impose the Fine of ONE SHILLING upon every Member on the Roll who may be absent, provided always that this be not done oftener than once in the same evening. No excuse for absence at any of these times shall be deemed valid, except those mentioned in Chapter. XIX., Law 2. For any neglect of what is required of him by this Law the President shall be fined FIVE SHILLINGS.

5. On the Evenings on which there is no Public Business, the Roll shall be called at the commencement and termination of the Meeting, and the Fine for absence at EACH Roll-call shall be SIXPENCE; and the same Law shall apply to Adjourned Meetings for Public Business.

6. If an Adjournment be moved during Public Business, the Society shall immediately ballot on such Motion; if assented to by FIFTEEN Members, the Adjournment shall take place, a notice of it being inserted in the Minutes and placed in the Library. Previously to the adjournment the Roll shall be called.

7. A Petition for leave of absence from the Meetings of the Society, if on the ground of Indisposition, shall be immediately decided by Ballot; if on any OTHER ground, it shall hang for a week in the Library, before being balloted

for. In EITHER case, such Petition shall require a majority of THREE-FOURTHS for its admission.

8. If the Petitioner have to give in his Dissertation within TWO WEEKS, a majority of FIVE-SIXTHS shall be required. No Member whose Petition is rejected shall present one founded on the same reasons during the SAME Session.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY
AT ORDINARY MEETINGS.

PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. SOCIETY constituted, and Roll called.
 2. Minutes of the preceding Meeting read and considered.
 3. Dissertation delivered to the President.
 4. Name of the Writer of the succeeding Dissertation announced.
 5. The intimation of Appointments for particular nights.
 6. Petitions for Seats determined.
 7. Petitions for Seats read.
 8. Petitions of Members read and determined.
 9. Reports of Committees received.
 10. Miscellaneous Business.
 11. New Members sign the Laws.
 12. SOCIETY adjourned.
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PUBLIC BUSINESS.

1. SOCIETY constituted.
2. Medical News—not to be protracted beyond TEN o'clock.
3. Dissertation read and discussed.
4. Roll called, and SOCIETY adjourned.

CHAPTER II.

OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS.

1. An Extraordinary Meeting of the Society, for the discussion of Public Business, may be held at any time, on a Motion being made to that effect, and supported by a MAJORITY of the Society. If for the discussion of Private Business, however, the support of ONE-THIRD of the Members present shall be sufficient. The President in office shall appoint it to be held within TWENTY-FOUR hours, unless the Member proposing it consent to its being later.

2. The Roll shall be called at the beginning and end of every Extraordinary Meeting; and the Fine for absence shall be ONE SHILLING for each Roll-call. Besides the excuses recognised as valid in the case of Ordinary Meetings, the following shall exempt from Fines for absence at Extraordinary Meetings, viz., Confinement by Illness, Engagements at other Societies, and absence from Town two miles.

3. An Extraordinary Meeting shall be held every SECOND Year, during the month of February, for the purpose of considering any Proposals for the Alteration of the Laws. (Chap. V., Law 1.)

4. Extraordinary Meetings shall be held on the Wednesday and Friday succeeding the LAST Ordinary Meeting of the Session. At the former of these, the Money due to the Society shall be collected; at the latter, the Report of the Finance Committee (Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 8), as also that of the Committee for Examining the Presidents'

Accounts (Chapter. XVI., Sect. iii., Law 5), shall be received. After the business appointed for either of these Meetings has been transacted, any miscellaneous business may be considered.

5. The Secretaries shall convene an Extraordinary Meeting for Private Business at any time during the RECESS, on receiving a Requisition to that effect signed by FIFTEEN Members; but a Notice of it must be set up in some conspicuous place of the Library for a WEEK previously. Such Meetings, however, can only decide on matters imperatively demanding immediate consideration.

6. Extraordinary Meetings for Public Business may, during the Recess, be convened by the Secretaries, at the request of ANY Member; but the attendance at such Meetings shall be VOLUNTARY.

7. At Extraordinary Meetings, the senior President in Town, or, in the absence of the Presidents, the senior Ordinary Member present, shall take the Chair, and the Debate shall be regulated as at Ordinary Meetings of the Society.

CHAPTER III.

OF MOTIONS.

1. Any Member bringing a Motion before the Society, shall present it to the President in writing, attested by his Signature and that of the Secunder, at which time the Proposing Member ALONE shall be allowed to speak concerning it. If objected to, it shall be determined, either at

the next convenient Ordinary Meeting, or at an Extraordinary one to be appointed for the purpose; during the intervening time, it shall be placed in the Library.

2. To the above Law the following are exceptions:—Proposals for an Extraordinary Meeting; for the Adjournment of Public Business; Petitions for Diplomas; for Leave of Absence on the ground of Indisposition; and any proposal the nature of which is manifestly incompatible with delay—all of which shall be balloted for immediately.

3. At the Discussion of a Motion no Member shall speak more than TWICE, unless permitted by the President, except the Proposer, who shall be allowed to reply to any objections.

4. A Motion having been once made, cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Society.

5. Any Motion made at an Extraordinary Meeting, and Seconded, shall be balloted for immediately, if not objected to by one in TEN; if otherwise, it shall be determined at an Extraordinary Meeting, to be appointed for that day se'en-night.

CHAPTER IV.

OF DECISIONS.

1. The sense of the MAJORITY of the Society, as ascertained by Ballot, shall, in all cases not particularly specified, regulate their Decisions.

2. The following shall be the manner of Balloting:—Every Member who may not choose to vote having retired, each remaining Member shall put into the “Aye” or “No” side of the Ballot-Box, according to his respective opinion, a Ball which he shall receive for the purpose. No Member shall be admitted during the Ballot. After all present have voted, the Balls shall be counted by the President, assisted by the FOUR senior Ordinary Members present, and if they be found to correspond with the Number of Voters as ascertained by the Secretaries, the President shall announce the Decision according to the proportion of Balls legally required to constitute it.

3. The exceptions to Law 1 shall be the following:—

(1.) Question requiring only the concurrent suffrages of ONE-THIRD of the Society to carry it.

(a) The appointment of an Extraordinary Meeting for Private Business.

(2.) Questions requiring a Majority of TWO-THIRDS of the Society.

(a) The adoption of a new Regulation.

(b) The acceptance of the Excuse of a President for Absence from more than Three successive Ordinary Meetings.

(c) The permitting a President to subscribe himself as such in the event of his resigning his office.

(d) The exculpation of a Committee when accused of Misconduct.

(e) The granting an Appeal from the Decision of a Committee.

(3.) Questions requiring a Majority of THREE-FOURTHS of the Society.

(a) The adoption or suspension of a Law.

- (*b*) The admission of a Visitor in the cases specified in Laws 3 and 4, Chap. X.
 - (*c*) The granting of *a single* Petition for a Seat.
 - (*d*) The granting of a Petition for leave of Absence from Meetings of the Society ; unless the Petitioner is to give in his Paper within Three Weeks, when a Majority of FIVE-SIXTHS shall be requisite.
 - (*e*) The excusing of Delay in Payment of Library Money.
 - (*f*) The Election of a Corresponding Member.
 - (*g*) The appropriation of any part of the Accumulating Fund.
- (4.) Question requiring a Majority of MORE than THREE-FOURTHS of the Society.
- (*a*) The admission of *a number* of Petitions for Seats at once.
- (5.) Question requiring a Majority of MORE than FIVE-SIXTHS of the Society.
- (*a*) The admission of an Honorary Member.

4. No Decision of the Society can be altered or reversed, unless a Motion to that effect be agreed to by the SAME proportion of the Members present as was necessary to constitute the original Decision.

5. Any Member protesting against a Decision of the Society, shall pay ONE SHILLING for the privilege of having his protest entered in the Minutes.

CHAPTER V.

OF NEW LAWS.

1. On the FIRST Ordinary Meeting in February of every SECOND Year, the President shall give notice that all Proposals for making or repealing Laws must be presented at the NEXT Ordinary Meeting. The President in the Chair, when such proposals are presented, shall appoint an Extraordinary Meeting to be held during the week succeeding the THIRD Ordinary Meeting in February, for the purpose of considering them. During the intermediate time, the Proposals shall hang in the Library, and circulate in the Minutes ; and no Proposal shall be admitted if not approved of by THREE-FOURTHS of the Society.

2. New Regulations may be made in any part of the Session, if agreed to by TWO-THIRDS of the Society. Such Regulations shall have the force of Laws until the ensuing Legislative Meeting, and no longer, unless then approved of. If any Proposal for a new Regulation be withdrawn, the Proposer shall incur the penalty of ONE SHILLING.

CHAPTER VI.

OF ORDINARY MEMBERS.

1. Any Gentleman wishing to become a Member of the Society, may at any Ordinary Meeting previous to the LAST of the Session, present a Petition to that effect, to be accompanied by the following Recommendation, signed by SIX Members :—

We, the undersigned, attest, that we believe the Petitioner to

be a proper person to become a Member of the Royal Medical Society.

2. Every Petition for a Seat, along with the names of the Attesting Members, shall be inserted in the Minutes of the Meeting at which it is presented; and, after hanging a week in the Library, shall be balloted for at the following Ordinary Meeting.

3. No speech shall at any time be allowed on the merits of the Petitioner.

4. All the Petitions for Seats to be determined the same evening shall be balloted for TOGETHER; but if not admitted by a GREATER Majority than THREE-FOURTHS of the Society, they shall be balloted for separately; for each Petition a Majority of THREE-FOURTHS shall be required, and the Report of the Decision of the Society concerning them shall be suspended until the whole are determined.

5. No SINGLE Petition for a Seat shall be balloted for more than ONCE during the SAME evening, unless on discovery of a mistake in the Ballot; nor shall any Petition for a Seat be received from the same person more than TWICE in one Session.

6. Every Member, on taking his Seat in the Society, shall subscribe the following Obligation, annexing the Place of his Birth and the date of his Entry :—

By subscribing my name to the Laws of THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH, I publicly declare that I will obey all its Laws and Regulations; and especially, that I will be particularly careful of all the Books belonging to its Library; that I will never consent to any alienation of the said Library, or any other property of the Society, unless the same shall

have been agreed to at a full and lawful Ordinary Meeting of the Society held between the FIRST day of November and the LAST day of April inclusive; at which Meeting there shall have been present not fewer than EIGHTEEN Extraordinary Members and TEN Ordinary Members of NINE MONTHS' standing, who shall consent to the Alienation of the said Library and Property. It being understood that all the Honorary, Extraordinary and Ordinary Members resident in Edinburgh shall have been duly summoned to the said Meeting. And I further promise, that I will be careful that every person becoming a Member of this Society shall subscribe this Obligation, as I now do in the presence of the Society.

If he neglect to do this within THREE weeks after his admission, he shall forfeit the right of ever becoming a Member, unless he make in writing a satisfactory apology.

7. Every Member, upon signing the Obligation, shall pay to the President in the Chair the sum of TWO POUNDS. At the same time, he shall receive a Copy of the Laws, a Catalogue of the Library, and a List of the Members.

8. At the FIRST Ordinary Meeting in December of Four succeeding Sessions, each Member in Town shall pay the sum of TWO POUNDS to the President in the Chair. And any Member absent from Town at that date shall pay the same sum at the FIRST Meeting after his return. The Secretaries will acquaint Members when this Library Money will be due.

9. Members may pay the Balance of their Library Money any time; and any Member shall be allowed to compound for the Five Annual Instalments by paying to the President in the Chair, the sum of EIGHT POUNDS upon signing the Obligation.

10. Resident Licensed Practitioners, of not less than FIVE years' standing, shall be allowed to become Members by paying to the President in the Chair the sum of THREE GUINEAS; and shall at the same time receive a Copy of the Laws, a Catalogue of the Library, and a List of the Members; and shall at the first Ordinary Meeting in December of the three succeeding Sessions pay the like sum of THREE GUINEAS; and further, shall be allowed to compound for these Annual Payments, by depositing the sum of TEN GUINEAS on signing the Obligation. The attendance of such Members at the WEEKLY MEETINGS shall be voluntary, but in all other respects they shall be subject to the Laws regulating the duties of Ordinary Members. (Chap. VII., Law 1.)

11. If any Member neglect to pay his Contribution when due, he shall incur a fine of FIVE SHILLINGS every WEEK it remains unpaid, unless he present an apology satisfactory to THREE-FOURTHS of the Society.

12. A Member may resign his Seat in the Society at any Ordinary Meeting, by giving notice to the President in the Chair: **provided always**—that he has discharged his Debts to the Society,—that his Dissertation is not due within SIXTEEN DAYS,—that he is not accused by any Member (Chap. XX., Law 7),—and that he has returned any Certificate or Diploma which he may have received from the Society. (Chap. XXI., Law 13.)

13. If any Member assume to himself a Title of the Society which he has not lawfully acquired, he shall be fined TWO GUINEAS, and shall be obliged to relinquish the Title he has assumed, under penalty of Expulsion.

CHAPTER VII.

OF EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS.

1. A Member, after having attended TWO complete Sessions, or a period equal to two Sessions, discharged all his Debts to the Society, and written a Dissertation, shall become an Extraordinary Member. He shall, notwithstanding, deliver a SECOND Dissertation in his turn, subject to all those Laws which respect the Delivery of Dissertations, Attendance during their Discussion, etc., provided each Ordinary Member of TWELVE MONTHS' standing shall have previously delivered a Dissertation ; but should he decline to do so, when called on by the Secretaries, he shall incur the penalty of TWO GUINEAS.

2. An Extraordinary Member shall enjoy all the privileges of Ordinary Members, and be subject to all the penalties to which they are liable in cases equally affecting both. He shall not be obliged to serve on Committees, except in the case specified in Chap. XVI., Law 12, but shall be subject to the same penalties as Ordinary Members for the neglect of duties voluntarily undertaken.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

1. Any Gentleman, eminent in any Branch of Science bearing upon Medicine, and not permanently residing in Edinburgh, may be proposed as a Corresponding Member at any Meeting of the Society subsequent to the FIRST of January in that Session.

2. The proposal shall be exposed in some conspicuous place in the Library for ONE MONTH. It shall then be determined at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting, when a Majority of THREE-FOURTHS of the Society shall be required for its admission ; but no Discussion shall be allowed.

3. Corresponding Members shall not be required to write Dissertations, and shall enjoy all the privileges of Extraordinary Members, subject to the same restrictions.

CHAPTER IX.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. Any Gentleman may be proposed as an Honorary Member after the FIRST of January ; but such proposal must be previously submitted to the Finance Committee, and if agreed to by a Majority of TWO-THIRDS of the WHOLE Committee, it shall then be submitted to the Society, and exposed for ONE MONTH in a conspicuous place in the Library. It shall be determined at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting, when a Majority of MORE than FIVE-SIXTHS of the Society shall be required for its admission. No Discussion shall be permitted to take place upon it.

2. Honorary Members shall enjoy the same privileges, subject to the same restrictions, as Corresponding Members.

CHAPTER X.

OF VISITORS.

1. Any Member proposing a Visitor shall enter his name, along with his own signature, in a Book to be kept for that purpose.

2. Each Member shall have liberty to propose TWELVE Visitors during the Session ; but no Member shall be allowed to introduce more than ONE Visitor on the SAME Evening ; and each Visitor shall be required to sign the following declaration in the Book mentioned in the preceding Law :—

I consider myself bound to observe the Laws of this Society, particularly those affecting Publication.

3. After the Proposal of the Visitors, their names shall be read ; and if an Objection shall be made to any Proposal, it shall be balloted for immediately ; a Majority of THREE-FOURTHS of the Society being required for its admission.

4. No person shall be admitted as a Visitor more than TWICE in the SAME Session, except on grounds which shall appear satisfactory to a Majority of THREE-FOURTHS of the Society.

CHAPTER XI.

OF PRESIDENTS.

1. On the FIRST Ordinary Meeting of the Society after the SIXTEENTH of November, or on the SIXTEENTH, if an Ordinary Meeting happen on that day, the President shall give Notice that the Election of Annual Presidents will take place at the NEXT Ordinary Meeting. During the intervening time, such Motion shall hang up in the Library.

2. At the same Meeting, a Committee, consisting of THREE Members, shall be appointed to prepare a List of those qualified to Vote, as specified in Chap. XVI., Sect. iii., Law 1.

3. No Ordinary Member shall Vote at the Election of Presidents, unless he shall have signed the Declaration (see Chap. VI., Law 6) at least TWO MONTHS before the Election takes place.

4. Members intending to Vote at the Election of Presidents, shall intimate their intention of doing so, in writing, to the Secretaries, before the close of the Ordinary Meeting preceding the Election. This intimation shall be inserted in the Minutes of that Evening; and no Member neglecting to do this can be allowed to Vote.

5. Those Members who have thus qualified to Vote, shall alone be eligible to the Office of President.

6. Any Member who shall solicit a Vote, shall forfeit his right of Voting at the Election of Presidents, besides incurring the penalty of ONE GUINEA.

7. On the Evening of Election, each Member, on being called upon, according to seniority, to deliver the List of those for whom he has Voted, shall be required by the President to make the following Declaration in presence of the Society:—

I declare that, in Voting for the FOUR Gentlemen whose names are in this List, I am bound by no promise, nor influenced by any motive or consideration, except the conviction, that these FOUR are, by their strenuous and pre-eminent exertions in promoting the interests and enhancing the reputation of the Society, entitled to the honour which our united suffrage is believed to confer.

8. A Committee, to consist of SEVEN Members, shall then be nominated by the President, for the purpose of

examining the Lists. They shall present a written Report, containing the names of the Members Voted for, and the number of Votes for EACH, distinguishing therein such as are void from having been given to Members who could not be identified, or who are ineligible by law for the Office. (Chap. XVI., Sect. iii., Law 2.)

9. This Report shall be read from the Chair, and the FOUR Gentlemen having the greatest number of Votes declared Presidents of the Society; but in the event of two or more Members having an equal number of Votes, a second Ballot shall immediately take place, whether such coincidence of the numbers affect the rank of the Presidents in point of seniority, or the Election of the Fourth President.

10. If a Vacancy should occur in the Office of President during the Session, the same order shall be followed in filling it up as at the Annual Election.

11. The Four Presidents shall attend the Meetings of the Society, be subject to fines as Ordinary Members, and officiate according to seniority. If the President, whose turn it may be to take the Chair, should be absent at the hour of Meeting, he shall be fined ONE SHILLING; and if he should not appear during the whole Business, he shall be fined TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE. These fines, however, shall not be incurred, provided he shall have obtained another President to officiate in his stead.

12. If, at the beginning of any Meeting, all the Annual Presidents be absent, the Office of President shall devolve on the senior Ordinary Member present; but if the President whose turn it may be to officiate have occasion to

leave the Chair, he may substitute for himself any Member whom he may think proper.

13. If a President shall absent himself from more than THREE successive Ordinary Meetings, prior to the SECOND Meeting in March, he shall not be entitled to a President's Diploma, and shall be fined FIVE GUINEAS, unless he make an excuse which shall be deemed satisfactory by TWO-THIRDS of the Society.

14. A President may resign his Office at any time after his Election, by simply giving notice in writing to the President in the Chair. He shall not, however, after such Resignation, be permitted to subscribe himself as Annual President, or formerly Annual President, unless he shall have previously obtained the consent of a Majority of TWO-THIRDS of the Society, at any of its Ordinary Meetings.

15. No President who has been deposed shall at any time obtain a President's Diploma.

16. The President whose turn it may be to officiate at the Public Business of any Meeting, shall officiate at the Private Business of the succeeding Ordinary Meeting, and at all Extraordinary Meetings which may occur during the intervening week.

17. The Two Presidents of the Evening shall be Members of the Library and Finance Committees, when these meet upon the Fridays, and shall also attend all Meetings of either Committee that may take place in the course of the week following. All the Presidents in turn shall attend the Meetings of these Committees during the Recess.

18. The officiating President in Public Business shall not allow the Medical News to be protracted beyond TEN o'clock. In the absence, or at the request, of the Author, it shall be his duty to read the Dissertation.

19. The officiating President, whether in Public or Private Business, shall regulate the Discussions, and shall be empowered to censure or impose a Fine not exceeding ONE SHILLING on any Member for any irregularity. Should the President appear inattentive to this part of his duty, any Member may remind him of it, and require him to take the opinion of the Society on it immediately.

20. If any personality should arise during the Discussion, it shall be the duty of the President to require an apology from the offending Member; or, if it shall appear necessary, he shall require the word of honour of both parties that no hostile meeting shall be the consequence; and either party refusing to give such assurance, shall incur the penalty of immediate EXPULSION.

21. If any Member, when called upon by the Chair, shall refuse to make such concessions as the Society may deem satisfactory, he shall incur such penalty as the Society shall decide, not exceeding the sum of TWO GUINEAS.

22. Accurate Minutes of the Proceedings, both of Private and Public Business, shall be drawn up by the respective Presidents, and delivered by them to the Secretaries, to be transcribed into the Records of the Society. These Minutes shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Presidents and the Secretaries.

23. The President in Private Business shall read the

Minutes of the preceding Ordinary Meeting, and of all Extraordinary Meetings that may have been since held. He shall announce from the Chair every Vacancy in any Office of the Society when it shall occur; or, if it happen in the middle of the week, he shall take care that notice of it be inserted in the Minutes of the ensuing Ordinary Meeting, and it shall be filled up at the following one.

24. The Money collected by each President, or received by him from the Secretary, shall be paid to the Treasurer within EIGHT DAYS, under the penalty of TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE; and the SAME penalty shall be repeated EVERY WEEK until the sum be paid.

25. The President of the week shall superintend the other Office-Bearers in the performance of their duties, and shall impose the Fines prescribed by law in case of neglect.

26. For neglect of ANY of the duties prescribed in this Chapter, the President shall be fined TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

CHAPTER XII.

OF THE TREASURER.

1. The same form shall be observed in the Election of a Treasurer, when a Vacancy occurs in that Office, as in the Election of the Presidents, with the exception only of that part of it prescribed by Chap. XI., Law 7.

2. The Treasurer, on entering upon his Office, shall give such security as the Society shall deem sufficient; and shall continue in Office so long as he shall faithfully perform his duty.

3. The Treasurer shall receive all the Money of the Society, and shall disburse none of it without its order. He shall pay no Bills which have not been examined and attested by at least two Members of the Committee to whose particular Department the Bill may relate, as well as by the Secretaries.

4. The Receipts and Payments of the Society shall be adjusted yearly, on the THIRTY-FIRST day of December; on or before which, all outstanding Accounts, having been called in by the Secretaries, shall be settled by the Treasurer.

CHAPTER XIII.

OF THE SECRETARIES.

1. On the first Ordinary Meeting after the Election of the Annual Presidents, TWO Members shall be appointed to fill the Office of Secretary. None shall be eligible unless they have attended the Society at least ONE SESSION; and, while filling the Office, they shall not be Members of any Committee.

2. The mode of Election to the above Office shall be the same as is prescribed for Committees, in Chap. XVI., Laws 2-4; which Laws shall also apply to the filling up of any Vacancies in the Office that may occur during the SESSION.

3. During the RECESS, if ONE Secretary only leave Town or resign, the other shall perform the whole duties of the Office. But should BOTH have occasion to leave Town or resign during the Recess, they must give notice to the

Treasurer and Finance Committee, who shall have power to provide for the performance of their duties until the return of one or both Secretaries, or, failing that, until the commencement of the Session, when any Vacancy shall be supplied in the manner prescribed by law.

4. BOTH Secretaries are expected to attend the Meetings of the Society, unless unavoidably prevented. But *at least* ONE of the Secretaries must be present during the WHOLE of Private Business, and at the ROLLS of Public Business. For ANY breach of this Law, BOTH Secretaries shall incur the penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS. In the event of their absence, the President in the Chair shall call the Roll, and provide for the performance of their duties.

5. The Secretaries shall call over the names of the Ordinary Members at the times appointed by law.

6. They shall report in writing to the President, at the appointed time in the Private Business of each Ordinary Meeting, the names of the Members who respectively deliver a Dissertation on that and the following Evening. (See Order of Proceedings, Nos. 3 and 4.)

7. In Balloting, they shall count the number of Voters in the room, and carry round the Balls and Box.

8. At the commencement of each Session, they shall hang up in the Library a List, specifying the names of the Members who are to write during the Session, the Subjects of their respective Dissertations, and the date on which they are to be given in.

9. On the SECOND Friday in OCTOBER, they shall send

notice to the senior Ordinary Member then resident in Edinburgh, to deliver his Dissertation to the Librarian on the last Friday in October. (Chap. XVIII., Sect. i., Law 6.)

10. At the commencement of each Session, they shall arrange the List of Circulation, as specified in Chap. XVIII., Sect. ii., Law 2.

11. They shall send notice to Members of the time for paying their Annual Contributions (Chap. VI., Laws 8, 10, and 12) at least eight days previously to the same becoming due.

12. They shall transcribe into the Records all the Transactions and Minutes of the Society.

13. They shall receive the Dissertations and Minutes after they have circulated among the Members, and shall deliver the Dissertations to their respective Authors, with the exception of that Copy of each which is the property of the Society. (See Chap. XVIII., Sect. i., Law 8.)

14. They shall transcribe into a Book to be kept in the Library, for the use of Members, all new Laws and Regulations, within EIGHT days after they have passed.

15. They shall sign all Certificates and Diplomas granted by the Society, immediately after the Presidents; and shall affix to them the Seal of the Society, under the Regulations specified in Chap. XXI., Law 5.

16. If an Extraordinary Meeting be appointed for the accusation of any Member, the Secretaries shall give infor-

mation of the day appointed to the party accusing, and the party accused.

17. They shall mark down in a Book to be kept for the purpose (which shall lie in one of the drawers of the Library Table), the name, offences, and penalties of every Member who may have transgressed any of the Laws. They shall, at the stated times (viz., on the first Fridays of November, January, and March, and the Saturday after the last Ordinary Meeting of the Session, as also on the second Fridays of May and July during the Recess), transmit to every Member an account of his Fines, intimating, at the same time, the period within which they must be paid, according to Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Laws 2, 3, and 6.

18. They shall immediately pay to the President in office all Monies they have received. In a Book kept for the purpose, they shall register, at the end of every Meeting, the sum of Money received during the Meeting. To this Account at least one of the Secretaries shall affix his name, and deliver the Book to the President who received the Money, that it may be attested by him also.

19. They shall pay all Monies which they may receive during the Recess, to the Treasurer (if none of the Presidents be in Town), within a FORTNIGHT after the receipt of them, under the penalty of TEN SHILLINGS and SIX-PENCE, as specified in Chap. XIX., Law 12.

20. They shall examine and attest all the Bills of the Society, previously to their being paid by the Treasurer.

21. On the second Friday in March, they shall order

the Sub-Librarian to intimate in writing to every Member who may have in his possession any of the Books or Apparatus of the Society, that such Books or Apparatus must be returned on or before the ensuing Wednesday at TWELVE o'clock; with a view to their inspection by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose at the NEXT Ordinary Meeting, according to Chap. XVI., Sect. iii., Law 3. The Sub-Librarian shall deliver to the Secretaries a list of those Members who neglect to obey this order, and the Secretaries shall fine them according to law.

22. For every neglect of the above duties, not particularly specified, the Secretaries shall incur the penalty of TWO SHILLINGS and SIXPENCE.

CHAPTER XIV.

OF THE CURATOR OF THE LIBRARY.

1. A Member (not holding the Office of President or Secretary) shall be annually elected to the Office of CURATOR of the Library. He shall be chosen on the night AFTER the Election of the Annual Presidents, and under the same Laws as regulate the Election of Committees.

2. He shall be Chairman of the Library Committee, and be required to attend its Meetings, under the same penalty in case of absence, as the other Members of the Committee.

3. He shall be responsible for the right performance of the duties of the Library, with power to impose upon those to whom they are intrusted, the Fines appointed by Law,

in case of neglect ; and shall himself be fined TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE if he fail to do so.

4. He shall, in particular, superintend the Sub-Librarian, to whom he shall intrust the Keys of the Library, and the duty of giving out Books to Members.

CHAPTER XV.

OF THE SUB-LIBRARIAN.

1. The SUB-LIBRARIAN shall be appointed by the Society, and shall, on his appointment, give such Security as they may deem sufficient. He shall be required to reside on the premises, and shall be entitled to free House, Coal, and Candle, on condition of his providing for the performance of the Domestic Services of the establishment.

2. His Wages shall be at the *rate* of FORTY POUNDS a year, payable at the end of every MONTH. But if discharged, or leaving his situation, he shall have no claim on the Society, beyond what shall have already been paid him.

3. He may be dismissed at the pleasure of the Society, on receiving a MONTH'S warning, and shall not himself be permitted to resign his situation without giving the Society similar notice—during which a Committee shall be appointed to examine into the state of the Library, to receive the Keys, and to settle Accounts with him.

4. He shall, under the superintendence of the Curator, be intrusted with the Keys of the Library ; and shall be

in CONSTANT attendance there during the times specified in Chap. XVII., Laws 2 and 3, for the purpose of giving out such Books as Members may require. (See Laws on this subjects in Chap. XVII.)

5. He shall permit no Book to be removed from the Library until he have entered it in the Receipt Book, and obtaining a RECEIPT from the Member taking it out. He shall be accountable for every Book LOST, for which he can show no Receipt. When a Book is returned, he shall immediately expunge its name from the Receipt Book. He shall also keep an ALPHABETICAL LIST of all the Books that are given out, with a reference to the page of the Receipt Book on which they stand, so that it may at once be ascertained in whose possession any Book asked for is to be found.

6. He shall, on receiving directions to that effect from the Secretaries, deliver to Members notice to pay their Fines and Annual Contributions; as also to return all Books and Apparatus in their possession previously to the Annual Examination of the Library, and shall report to the Secretaries, the names of those Members who neglect to obey the order. If a Member wishes a Book that has been the full time in the possession of another, the Sub-Librarian shall call it in; and if the Member in whose hands it is, do not return it within the specified time, he shall report him to the Secretaries, that he may be fined according to law. (Chap. XVII., Law 21.)

7. It shall be his duty to fill up, weekly, on a sheet to be suspended in the Society's Hall, the notices of the Meetings of Committee which occur during the ensuings week, with the names of the Members composing them.

On the same sheet he shall inscribe the names of the Presidents for the week, and the notice of any Extraordinary Meeting which may occur during the week.

8. He shall summon Meetings of Special Committees, or Extraordinary Meetings of the Standing Committees, on receiving orders to that effect from the Chairman or Three Members of such Committee.

9. It shall be his duty to send to the Binder, without delay, such Books as are ordered by the Library Committee to be bound; and on their return from the Binder, he shall submit them to the inspection of the Committee.

10. He shall conduct the circulation of the Dissertations as specified in Chap. XVIII., Sect. ii., Laws 4 and 7.

11. He shall be intrusted with the care of the Apparatus, and shall lend it to Members, as specified in Chap. XVII., Law 25.

12. He shall be intrusted with the Key of the Museum, and shall lend it to Members, as specified in Chap. XVII., Law 28.

CHAPTER XVI.

OF COMMITTEES.

1. The Standing Committees of the Society are two, viz., the Finance, and the Library Committee. A new appointment of Members to serve on these Committees

shall take place annually, on the first Ordinary Meeting after the election of the Annual Presidents. Each Committee shall consist of Five Members, but, in the case of the Library Committee, the Curator of the Library shall be one of the Five, and Chairman, *ex officio*. The Presidents shall be Members of the Committees, under the provisions of Chap. XI., Law 17.

2. The President shall give notice of this Annual Election a WEEK previously ; and, in the meantime, a List shall lie in the Library, on which Members desirous of serving on the respective Committees, may have an opportunity of putting down their names.

3. This List shall be laid on the table of the Hall on the Evening of Election, and the Committees shall then be appointed by BALLOT ; but the votes of Members shall not necessarily be confined to the names so proposed. If, however, NO names shall be put down in the above List, the President in the Chair shall nominate the SENIOR Ordinary Member, unless he can excuse himself to the satisfaction of the Society. In such case, the President shall proceed to nominate the OTHER Ordinary Members, according to seniority. The Laws regulating the Annual Election of Committees shall apply equally to the filling up of all Vacancies that may occur during the Session.

4. Any Member who shall solicit a vote, directly or indirectly, for a Seat on any Committee, shall be declared INELIGIBLE, and shall in addition subject himself to a penalty of TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

5. If any Member be absent at the time of Meeting, he shall incur the penalty of SIXPENCE. If he neglect to

attend during the whole of the Meeting, he shall incur the additional penalty of ONE SHILLING.

6. No excuses shall be deemed valid, except those specified in Chap. XIX., Law 2.

7. Regular Minutes of their Proceedings shall be kept by the Members of each Committee, which shall be signed at EACH Meeting by ALL the Members present, under the penalty of ONE SHILLING each.

8. For imperfect attendance, or any neglect of duty not particularly specified, it shall be in the power of the Majority of any Committee to impose on its Members the Fine of ONE SHILLING.

9. Should any Member absent himself from more than THREE successive Ordinary Meetings of a Committee, without making a satisfactory excuse, he shall be considered as having vacated his Seat; in which case, as also on a Resignation, a new Member shall be elected.

10. For any neglect of duty on the part of a Committee, not particularly specified, it shall be in the power of the Society to Fine EACH Member ONE SHILLING.

11. Any Member may bring an accusation against a Committee, if dissatisfied with their general conduct, or believing them to have exceeded their powers. On specifying the nature of his complaint, a Committee of FIVE shall be appointed by LOT for the purpose of examining into the grounds of it, and of obtaining an explanation from the accused Committee; and shall report at the NEXT Ordinary Meeting of the Society. If the Committee cannot

exculpate themselves to the satisfaction of TWO-THIRDS of the Society, they shall either be removed from office and a new Committee appointed in their room, or else undergo such other penalty as the Society may impose.

12. In the above case, the Lot shall be taken as follows : —The Secretary shall write down on separate slips of paper the names of all the Members present who have signed the Laws at least TWELVE Months previously, with the exception of the Presidents, the accuser, and the Members of the accused Committee. Of these names the President shall draw FIVE, whom he shall nominate a Committee for the purpose specified in the above Law. But the accuser and Chairman of the accused Committee shall EACH have the right to challenge not more than TWO names, in which case others shall be drawn by the President, and so on until each party's right of challenge is exhausted. Of this Committee the senior Member shall be Chairman, and NO Member appointed to it shall be permitted to decline serving.

13. The Sub-Librarian shall summon an Extraordinary Meeting of any Committee, on receiving a Requisition to that effect, signed either by the Chairman or by THREE of the Members of the Committee.

14. Should any Member leave Town or resign his Seat during the Recess, the Committee to which he belongs shall be empowered to elect another in his stead.

15. Each Committee shall, at its Ordinary Meetings, examine all Accounts relating to its own Department ; and, after attesting them by the signature of TWO of its Members, transmit them, through the Secretary, to the Treasurer for payment.

16. Any Member may appeal from the decision of any Committee ; but, if his appeal be not sustained by TWO-THIRDS of the Society, he shall incur the Fine of FIVE SHILLINGS ; with the exception of those appeals from the decisions of the Library Committee, which are provided for in Law 6, Chap. XVII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECT. I. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. This Committee shall have the sole charge of inspecting the Society's Accounts, and shall consider it their duty to suggest whatever they may deem expedient towards improving or economizing the Society's resources. It shall also be their duty, at each Ordinary Meeting of the Committee, to examine the Fine Book, and decide all cases of appeals against Fines that are brought before them.

2. The Committee shall meet on the SECOND and FOURTH Fridays of EVERY Month during the SESSION at SIX O'CLOCK P.M. Besides which they shall have an Extraordinary Meeting, at ONE O'CLOCK P.M., on the SATURDAY subsequent to the LAST Ordinary Meeting of the Society, when, after determining on all Fines incurred previously to their Meeting, and not formerly examined, they shall deliver to the Secretaries a List of the Fines due by each Member, directing them to call upon Members to pay them on or before the following Tuesday. On the WEDNESDAY following, the Committee shall have another Extraordinary Meeting, at HALF-PAST SIX P.M., for the purpose of preparing the Statement of Fines to be presented, the same evening, to the Presidents. (Chap. XIX., Law 8.)

3. During the RECESS, the Committee shall meet on the SECOND Friday of EACH Month, at ONE O'CLOCK P.M., to examine the Accounts of the preceding Month, and determine all Fines incurred previously to their Meeting, and not as yet examined. And on the SECOND Fridays of MAY and JULY, they shall deliver to the Secretaries a List of every Member's Fines, which must be paid to the Secretaries on or before the succeeding Friday, under the additional penalty of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE. From the decision of the Committee, at these two last mentioned Meetings, there shall be no appeal.

4. At their Ordinary Meetings they shall examine all Fines that have been incurred not more lately than a fortnight before, and shall determine by Ballot every question that may arise respecting the validity of appeals from Fines. On the second Friday of each Month, they shall also examine the Accounts of the Society for the preceding Month.

5. When an appeal is made against a Fine, which appears to the Committee reasonable, but which they are prevented from sustaining by a positive law, they shall recommend it to the consideration of the Society. In reference to all appeals, each member shall be understood to have pledged his honour that he will not divulge what may pass in the Committee, unless publicly in a Meeting of the Society, having previously obtained permission to do so.

6. The Secretaries having, on the FIRST Fridays of NOVEMBER, JANUARY, and MARCH, transmitted to every Member notice of his Fines, with intimation that they must be paid on or before the Thursday following, the

Committee shall, at their NEXT Meetings receive from them a statement of the Sums paid in consequence, which Statement, corrected as may be found necessary, the Committee shall, on the THIRD Fridays of these Months, present to the President in the Chair.

7. During the first week of DECEMBER, the Committee shall appoint two of their number to ascertain the names of all persons to whom the Society is indebted, and call in their Accounts.

8. At the SECOND Ordinary Meeting in January, the Committee shall present a Statement of the Funds and Expenditure of the Society during the preceding year, digested under proper heads; as likewise of the Balance remaining at the end of that period. The Statement shall comprehend all the particulars in distinct columns; so as to exhibit, at a single view, the collected Account of the whole Year; a General Abstract of which, together with a Statement of the Accumulating Fund, shall be subjoined. At the SECOND Extraordinary Meeting at the close of the Session, the Committee shall present a Report of the then state of the Funds, and Engagements of the Society. The Reports of the Committee shall be inserted AT LARGE in the Minutes.

9. The Committee shall have charge of a Fund, to be laid aside from the Annual Income of the Society, and vested in its name in Public Securities, for the purpose of keeping the House and Premises in repair, and for making any necessary additions or alterations. The Sum to be laid aside, shall be at the rate of *Ten per Cent.*, when the annual Income of the Society amounts to or exceeds FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS STERLING. The deduction shall be

appointed at the Meeting of the Committee for preparing the Annual Report ; and the Sum shall be invested immediately thereafter by the Treasurer, under the direction of the Committee.

10. No part of the Accumulating Fund shall be appropriated to any purpose whatever, without the consent of at least THREE-FOURTHS of the Society ; and the Bank in which the Fund is deposited shall not pay any part thereof, EXCEPT to the Treasurer, after having been duly authorised to do so by a letter signed by the Presidents, and countersigned by the Secretary, with Instructions as to the Amount to be drawn.

11. At the SECOND Extraordinary Meeting at the CLOSE of the Session, the Committee shall present to the Society, in addition to the Report mentioned in Law 8, a Report of their Proceedings, with a Statement of any Alterations or Repairs which they may think necessary, and the probable expense of the same, as nearly as they can estimate it. On the Adoption of such Proposal, the Committee shall be intrusted with its execution.

12. During the RECESS, should any unforeseen Alteration or Repair be thought requisite, they may give the necessary Orders, provided they be agreed on at a Meeting of AT LEAST TWO Members and a President.

13. The Committee shall have exclusive authority to direct the Ordinary Expenditure of the Society's Premises. No Servant of the Society shall be permitted to purchase anything without their sanction ; and they shall consider it their duty to prevent all waste.

SECT. II. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1. The Library Committee shall have the charge of the Library, Apparatus, and Museum, and shall also be intrusted with the duty of providing Subjects for the Dissertations. During the Session they shall meet on the FIRST and THIRD Fridays of EVERY Month, at SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

A. Duties connected with the Library, Museum, and Apparatus.

2. On the FIRST and THIRD Ordinary Meetings of EVERY Month, they shall present to the Society a List of Books, which, in their opinion, ought to be purchased ; stating, as nearly as they can estimate it, the Price of each Work.

3. They shall appoint TWO of their Members to order, within TWO LAWFUL DAYS, such Books as shall have been admitted by the Society, from a Bookseller appointed by the Society. Such Orders are to be entered in a Book kept for that purpose.

4. The Library Committee shall be authorised to purchase at Sales, or from any Bookseller, such OLD WORKS as may have been approved of by the Society.

5. They shall also appoint TWO of their number, who upon the receipt of any Book or new number of a Periodical, shall cause the Society's Stamp to be affixed to some conspicuous place of the Title-Page and first page of the Text, as also to the back of the Plates. The Sub-Committee shall then Place it upon the Library Table (except in

the case specified in Law 10, Chap. XVII.), entering its name and the date of their doing so in a Book provided for the purpose. When it has lain on the Library Table the appointed time, it shall be their duty to remove it, and to mark in the same Book the date of its removal, attesting the same by their signatures. There shall also be kept a separate Register, in which they shall record all Donations to the Library, with the names of the Donors.

6. Within THREE days after a Book has been withdrawn from the Table, the same Sub-Committee shall insert its name in the MS. Appendix and PRESS Catalogue, except the numbers of Periodical Publications, which they shall collect and preserve until a Volume is completed, when it shall be entered in like manner.

7. It shall be the duty of the Library Committee to appoint TWO of their number, who shall arrange and transmit to the Bookbinder, through the Sub-Librarian, at least ONCE a FORTNIGHT, all such Books as may require to be bound, and all Volumes of Periodical Publications that are completed. They shall enter every volume sent to be bound, with the date of sending it, in a Book to be kept for the purpose, and on its return from the Binder's hands shall mark it in the same Book as received.

8. It shall be the duty of the Library Committee to inspect the conduct of the Members whom they appoint for EITHER of the above purposes; to Fine them for neglect in the exercise of these duties in a sum not exceeding FIVE SHILLINGS; and to remove them for improper conduct, and substitute others in their room.

9. Besides their Ordinary Reports, the Committee shall,

on the FIRST Ordinary Meetings of December and March, appoint a Sub-Committee to prepare a Statement of the Periodical Publications, and Transactions of Societies, that have been purchased since the last Report, and of deficiencies existing, to be laid before the Committee at its NEXT Meeting, previously to its being presented to the Society on the SAME Evening. The Committee shall also be intrusted with the care of supplying the Deficiencies.

10. They shall, on the THIRD Friday of March, appoint a Sub-Committee to examine the Order Book, and to report at the NEXT Meeting of the Society if all the Books ordered in the course of the LAST TWELVE MONTHS have been received into the Library. If any have not been received, the Sub-Committee shall be directed to take the necessary steps to procure them. A Report of the Books thus wanting shall be entered on the Minutes; and this List shall likewise be examined by the Committee of the SUCCEEDING Year, who shall take the necessary steps to procure any Books that may still not have been received.

11. The Library Committee shall, at the LAST Ordinary Meeting of EACH Session, give in a Report to the Society of the number of Copies of the Catalogue, Laws, and List of Members on hand. Should it appear that there is not a sufficient number of EITHER of these left to supply the probable Demand of the Next Sessson (See Chap. VI., Law 7), they shall apply for the Society's permission to print a new Edition of it during the Recess. If granted, they shall superintend the Printing, incorporating all such Additions and Alterations as may have taken place since the last Edition was printed.

12. The Library Committee shall also have charge of

the Museum and Apparatus, and shall take care that they are made accessible to Members under the Regulations in Chap. XVII.

B. Duties connected with providing Subjects for Dissertations.

13. The Committee shall, previously to the FIRST Ordinary Meeting in MARCH, prepare a List of THIRTY Subjects, either Medical or Philosophical, connected with Medicine, for the Dissertations to be written during the ensuing Session ; and shall direct the same to be affixed to some conspicuous place in the Library during the week, in order that those Members whose turn it will be to write, may have the opportunity of affixing their names to any Subject they may be disposed to select.

14. The Committee may, if they think fit, grant leave to any Member, on Petition, to write upon a subject of his own choice ; and shall meet, after the SECOND Ordinary Meeting in MARCH, for the purpose of receiving and taking into consideration such Petitions. And on the THIRD Ordinary Meeting of the same Month, they shall present to the President the List of Subjects they have finally agreed on ; as also Thirty Covers, sealed and numbered, each containing one of these Subjects, together with a Report, specifying the numbers allotted to particular Members, at their own request.

15. All Petitions for leave to alter the Subject of a Dissertation, from Members dissatisfied with the Subject already procured, or to write on particular Subjects from Members admitted or returning to Town after the Subjects

are disposed of by Lot, shall be determined by this Committee ; but no Member, with the exception of the Authors of the TWO FIRST Dissertations, or Members returning to Town who have had no Subject allotted to them, shall be allowed to present such a Petition within THREE weeks of the time when his Dissertation ought to be given in ; and it shall be necessary in all cases to state the Reason for the petition.

16. At their next Meeting after the receipt of such Petition, the Committee shall examine whether the Subject then proposed has been written on during the Session, or is to be written on by any other Member ; should the Committee find this to be the case, the Petitioner shall incur the penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS ; if not, the Petition shall be determined by Ballot.

17. Within the space of a fortnight at farthest from the Meeting on which the Subjects of Dissertations shall have been disposed of by Lot, they shall transcribe into a Book to be kept in the Library for the inspection of Members, all the Subjects, annexing to each its proper number and the name of the Member who is to write on it. They shall then deliver to each Member the original Subject allotted to him, and shall insert in the same Book any alterations subsequently made in the Subjects, within eight days after they shall have been made.

18. For every transgression against the above Laws, not particularly specified, each Member of the Committee shall incur the penalty of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE. The same Fine shall be incurred by any Member of the Society violating them.

19. The Committee shall meet during the RECESS on the FIRST Monday of every Month, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M., subject to the SAME Fines in case of absence as during the Session, for the purpose of receiving from one of their number a List of the Publications received in the interval of their Meetings, and of immediately ordering and purchasing any Works on Chemistry, Physiology, Medicine, Surgery, or Natural History, which they think ought to be admitted into the Library, and which may not have been known to the Committee to have been published previously to their LAST Report to the Society, but in such purchases, during the RECESS, they shall not exceed the limits of a sum which shall have been granted for the purpose at the second Extraordinary Meeting at the close of the Session.

PERIODICAL COMMITTEES.

SECTION III.

1. At the Ordinary Meeting PREVIOUS to the Election of Presidents, a Committee, consisting of THREE Members, shall be appointed to prepare a List of those qualified to vote (Chap. XI., Laws 2 to 4). This Examination they are required to make before EIGHT O'CLOCK the FOLLOWING morning, and to present a Report on the same at the NEXT Meeting. In case of neglect or error in any part of the duty prescribed by this Law, the Members of the Committee shall RESPECTIVELY incur the penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS.

2. On the Evening of the election of Presidents, a Committee, consisting of SEVEN Members, shall be appointed to

examine the Lists of Votes, and to present a WRITTEN Report of the names of the Members voted for, and of the number of Votes for EACH. (Chap. XI., Law 8.)

3. On the THIRD Friday in MARCH, a Committee, consisting of TEN Members, shall be appointed to examine the Library and Apparatus. (Chap. XVII., Law 29.)

4. The above-mentioned Committees shall be nominated by the President in Office, unless an objection be made to this mode of appointing the Committee BEFORE the President shall have nominated any Member, in which case the Committee shall be elected by Ballot.

5. At the last Ordinary Meeting of the Society in EVERY Session, a Committee, consisting of THREE Members, shall be elected by Ballot, to examine the Accounts of the Annual Presidents. This Committee shall make their Report to the Society at the SECOND Extraordinary Meeting at the CLOSE of the Session. (Chap. II., Law 4.)

OCCASIONAL COMMITTEES.

SECTION IV.

1. Occasional Committees, the names of the Members composing which shall be inserted in the Minutes, shall be appointed, in the same manner as Periodical Committees (see Law 4 of last section), for the FOLLOWING purposes;—

1st. On the occasion of the Sub-Librarian's dismissal or resignation. (Chap. XV., Law 3).

2d. For the purpose of considering the propriety of PUBLISHING any paper belonging to the Society.

3d. A Committee, consisting of TWO Members, for the purpose of conveying the THANKS of the Society to any Individual. They shall be obliged to report at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting their having conveyed the same, under the penalty of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

2. A Committee may, on a MOTION to that effect, be appointed for any OTHER purpose. The PROPOSER of the Motion shall be nominated by the President to be Chairman of the Committee. The other Members of the Committee shall be elected by Ballot. The Committee shall give in their Report at a FIXED time, and shall then be dissolved, unless they obtain leave from the Society to continue their sittings.

CHAPTER XVII.

OF THE LIBRARY AND APPARATUS.

1. The Library shall be open EVERY LAWFUL DAY from NINE A.M. till TEN P.M., with the Exceptions specified in the SECOND general Maxim ; during which time any Member may have access to the Periodical Publications on the Table.

2. The Sub-Librarian shall be in CONSTANT Attendance during the Session from TEN A.M., and during the Recess from NINE A.M., till SIX P.M., with the Exception of an HOUR allowed him for Dinner.

3. During the periods above mentioned, he shall deliver such Books as may be required by Members for the purpose of Reading in the Library; whence no Book so delivered shall be removed, under the penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS. He shall, during the same periods, give out the Books which are allowed to circulate, under the Regulations contained in this chapter.

4. If a Member, having procured the Key of the Library Drawers, shall not return it to the Sub-Librarian before leaving the Hall, or shall neglect to replace any Book, etc., he shall incur the penalty of ONE SHILLING.

5. A Book shall constantly lie in the Library, in which any Member may propose for admission any Works he may think proper, stating their price and merits, and attesting the same by his signature; and the Books so proposed shall be considered by the Library Committee at their FIRST Ordinary Meeting thereafter. (see Chap. XVI. Sect. ii., Law 2.)

6. Any Member dissatisfied with the decision of the Library Committee, may bring a Work before the consideration of the Society by a Petition signed by HIMSELF and FIVE other Members; but unless supported by TWO-THIRDS of the Members present, the proposing Member shall incur the penalty of TWO SHILLINGS and SIXPENCE; and EACH of his Seconders ONE SHILLING.

7. The List of Books proposed by the Library Committee (Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 2), shall lie for A WEEK in the Library. At the ensuing Ordinary Meeting, the Books so recommended shall be proposed *seriatim*, by the President

in the Chair ; and, if objected to, shall be balloted for. No Member shall be allowed to speak more than ONCE for or against any Book so proposed. If no objection be made to a Book, it shall be considered as admitted.

8. All new Publications received into the Library, shall lie in the appropriated places A FORTNIGHT ; and the last Number of periodical Publications A MONTH. Any Person who shall remove from the Library, or injure any of these Books, shall incur the penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS. Any Member removing from the Library any Copy of the Dissertation placed on the table, shall be fined TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

9. Any Member defacing, by writing, or otherwise, any Books or Manuscripts belonging to the Society, or left in the Library for inspection, shall be subject to the Fine of FIVE SHILLINGS for EVERY Book or Manuscript so defaced.

10. No Book shall be placed in the Library or Presses, before the name of the Society shall have been stamped on the Title-Page, and on the first Page of the Text ; nor any Book containing Plates, before the Plates shall have been stamped in some conspicuous part : and the Library Committee may, if they deem it expedient, prevent any particular Book from being placed on the Library Table.

11. All Books which have lain the requisite time in the Library, shall, within FOUR days, be allowed to circulate, unless ordered to be bound immediately.

12. Periodical Publications, issuing at LESS than quarterly intervals, shall be laid aside in a Press, to which the

Sub-Librarian shall allow Members to have access ; until a sufficient number shall have been collected to form a Volume, when they shall be IMMEDIATELY bound.

13. The Library Committee shall order QUARTERLY Periodicals, which have lain the requisite time in the Library, either to be immediately bound, or, if other parts be wanting to complete the Volume, they shall place them in Portfolios to be provided for the purpose, when they shall be allowed to circulate under the same restrictions as other new Works. The same Law shall apply to Transactions of Societies.

14. The Sub-Librarian shall require Members to sign a Receipt (to be inserted in a Book kept for the purpose) for every Volume they take out. Members returning Books, must themselves see that the names are expunged from the Receipt-Book, as they will be held responsible for all Books lost, for which their uncanceled Receipt can be shown by the Sub-Librarian.

15. Books shall be lent out to Members ONLY ; and to NO Member in the name of ANOTHER. No Member shall lend a Book or Books belonging to the Society, to any Person not a Member of it, under the penalty of TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

16. All the Army and Navy Medical Officers on duty at or near Edinburgh, shall be allowed to consult in the Library any Book belonging to the Society ; and the same privilege shall be extended to any Medical man passing through Edinburgh, who may be introduced by a Member.

17. No Member shall remove a Book belonging to the

Society farther than THREE MILES from Edinburgh, under the penalty of TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE for EACH Book.

18. The circulation of Books of extreme value, and of Works of Reference, STRICTLY so called, shall be at the discretion of the Library Committee. ONE COPY, at least, of every other Book in the Society's possession, shall circulate among the Members. But, should the Society be in possession of MORE than one Copy of any work, the Library Committee may, with the consent of the Society, prevent the circulation of any ONE of such additional Copies.

19. Each Volume of Plates allowed to circulate, shall be returned EVERY MONTH for the inspection of the Library Committee. If this be neglected, or the Volume shall have sustained any damage while in the Member's possession he shall incur a penalty of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

20. The Manuscript Dissertations may be lent out in the same manner, and subject to the same obligations and penalties, as Books of Plates. Should any Member remove, or wilfully destroy, any portion of these or other Manuscripts belonging to the Society, he shall be considered as having incurred the penalty of EXPULSION.

21. If any Member neglect or refuse to return any Book, Volume of Plates, or Manuscript Dissertations, at the request of another Member, after it shall have been FOURTEEN DAYS in his possession, he shall incur the penalty of ONE SHILLING for EACH DAY he may detain it; but no Volume of Plates or Manuscript Dissertations so returned shall be given out again until it has been examined and its

condition noted by TWO Members of the Library Committee. New Books may be called in, after being EIGHT DAYS in the possession of any Member, for the first THREE MONTHS after their admission into the Library.

22. No Member shall be allowed to have out more than TWELVE Volumes from the Library at ONE TIME, unless when a Work consists of a greater number of Volumes, in which case he may take out the WHOLE WORK. No Member shall be allowed to have out more than FOUR Volumes of Plates at one time.

23. If any Member shall leave Town without returning the Books which he may have in his possession, he shall incur the penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS; which, if not paid, shall accumulate as other Fines. If any Member refuse to account for Books in his possession belonging to the Society, he shall be considered as having incurred the penalty of EXPULSION.

24. No Member shall be allowed to speak in the Library while another is reading, except during the time the Sub-Librarian is transacting business in it. The Fine for each Offence shall be TWO SHILLINGS. Any TWO Members shall be entitled to Fine any ONE transgressing this Law.

25. The Sub-Librarian shall be intrusted with the care of the Apparatus, which he shall lend to Members, marking in a Book the Articles lent out. When any Apparatus is returned, he shall keep it apart until it has been examined by a Member of the Library Committee.

26. The Library Committee shall impose a Fine of SIX-PENCE on any Member who may return the Apparatus in

a dirty condition ; or, if damaged, shall compel him to replace it.

27. Any part of the Apparatus that has remained THREE WEEKS in the possession of a Member, shall be returned, if requested IN WRITING by another Member. If such Member neglect to return the Apparatus within THREE DAYS after the request has been presented, he shall incur a penalty of ONE SHILLING for each DAY that it may be detained.

28. The Sub-Librarian shall also be intrusted with the key of the Museum. He shall lend it to any Member, provided such Member insert his name and the time of his visits in a Book to be kept for the purpose. If any Member fail to observe this Law, or having obtained the Key, neglect to return it to the Sub-Librarian, he shall incur the penalty of ONE SHILLING. Members may take from the Museum, under Regulations to be made by the Library Committee, such articles of the Museum as are allowed to circulate.

29. On the SECOND Friday in MARCH, the President shall order all Books and Apparatus of the Society, to be returned ON or BEFORE the ENSUING Wednesday, at TWELVE o'clock, with a view to their inspection by the Committee to be appointed for that purpose at the NEXT Ordinary Meeting ; according to Chap. XVI., Sect. iii., Law 3.

30. At the SAME Meeting the Secretaries shall direct the Sub-Librarian to intimate the above Order in writing to every Member who may have in his possession any of the Books or Apparatus.

31. If any Member neglect to return any of the Books within the appointed time, he shall incur the penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS for EVERY Book not returned. He shall incur the SAME penalty, if he detain the WHOLE or ANY PART of the Apparatus in his possession, unless he shall give notice that the Apparatus so detained has been broken.

CHAPTER XVIII.

OF DISSERTATIONS.

SECT. I. DELIVERY OF DISSERTATIONS.

1. The THIRTY Subjects for Dissertations, which it is the duty of the Library Committee to provide each Session (Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Laws 13 and 14), shall be distributed among the THIRTY senior attending Ordinary Members of the Society, to be written on during the next Session. But if any of them shall inform the Secretaries, before the night on which the Subjects are allotted, that he has no expectation of being in Edinburgh next year, his name shall be withdrawn, and that of another Ordinary Member added, according to seniority. Provided always, that no Member shall be required to write, unless he is of TWELVE Months' standing, or will be so in the course of the Session in which his Dissertation is to be given in.

2. On the FOURTH Friday in MARCH, the Library Committee having, on the third Friday, presented to the President the List of Subjects they have prepared, specifying those assigned to particular Members at their own request (Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 14), the remainder of

the Thirty Members appointed to write shall each, in the order of seniority, draw one of the unappropriated Subjects.

3. The Library Committee shall, within a FORTNIGHT at the farthest, after the allotment of the Subjects, transcribe them into a Book, to be kept in the Library for the inspection of Members, annexing to EACH the name of the Member who is to write upon it.

4. After the Subjects shall have been thus disposed of by lot or choice, ANY Member who shall make any alteration in them, without permission of the Library Committee, shall be fined FIVE SHILLINGS for EACH alteration.

5. At the commencement of the ENSUING Session, the Secretaries shall hang up in the Library a LIST, specifying the names of those Members who are to write, the Subjects of their respective Dissertations, and the date upon which they are to be given in.

6. On the SECOND Friday in OCTOBER the Secretaries shall give notice to the senior Ordinary Member then resident in Edinburgh, to deliver to the Librarian on the LAST Friday of OCTOBER, two Copies of a Dissertation on the Subject allotted to him. They shall direct the other writers, according to seniority, to deliver their Dissertations to the President in office at each succeeding Ordinary Meeting, until TWENTY have been given in. Any Member coming to Edinburgh after his turn of writing, shall be called on to give in a Dissertation within THREE WEEKS at farthest.

7. The FIRST Writer having, according to the above Law, delivered his Dissertation on the LAST Friday of October,

the Society shall discuss it on the SECOND Friday in November, an interval of TWO WEEKS being thus allowed for its circulation among the Members. The Discussion of the Dissertations given in subsequently to the FIRST shall take place in their proper order at EACH succeeding Ordinary Meeting.

8. ONE Copy of the Dissertation which each Member is required to produce, shall be written on Paper of a particular size, to be supplied by the Society, and shall become the property of the Society, and be bound after Circulation uniformly with the Transactions of the Society.

9. When any Member shall have obtained leave from the Society to publish any Dissertation, the property of the Society, which shall have been read before them, or any part or abstract of the same, it shall be duly acknowledged in the Publication as having been read before the Society, and a note of the date of its communication at the same time given.

10. The President of Private Business shall, in the course of the Evening, examine the Copies presented that Evening, to ascertain that they are written upon the allotted subject, and that they are legible and complete. If deficient in any of these respects, he shall require the Author to furnish perfect Copies in time for Circulation, under the penalty of TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE. The SAME penalty shall be incurred by the President if he neglect the performance of this duty.

11. Should the Member appointed to write, neglect to give in his Dissertation at the stated time, he shall incur the penalty of SIXPENCE for every HOUR of neglect, until

his Fine shall amount to ONE GUINEA. If he do not give it in at the FOLLOWING Meeting, he shall be EXPELLED, unless an apology be made which shall be deemed satisfactory by the Society. Sickness shall in NO case be deemed a valid excuse, unless the Member shall have been confined for TWO WEEKS previous to the time appointed for giving in his Dissertation.

12. No member shall be allowed to exchange his turn of writing with another, unless leave to exchange has been obtained from the Library Committee on Petition. No member shall be permitted to exchange with one who was not to have written that Session.

13. If any Member, without having obtained leave by Petition, present to the Society an Essay for Discussion upon a Subject already written on during the Session, or to be written on by any other Member, he shall incur the penalty of ONE GUINEA; and if on ANY OTHER Subject not allotted or granted him, according to the several Laws contained in this Chapter, and in Section ii. of Chapter XVI., he shall incur the penalty of TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

14. Extraordinary Members shall deliver a SECOND Dissertation in their turn, under the circumstances specified in Chapter VII., Law 1.

15. If the Author of a Dissertation be absent during its Discussion more than FIFTEEN minutes, he shall be fined FIVE SHILLINGS. The President shall notice the time he may be absent. If the Author do not attend during any part of the Discussion, he shall incur the penalty of ONE GUINEA, unless he make a satisfactory excuse for his absence.

SECT II. OF THE CIRCULATION OF DISSERTATIONS.

1. At the Commencement of EACH Session, the Secretaries shall hang up in the Library a permanent notice, to the effect that, on application to the Sub-Librarian, a Copy of the Essay in Circulation shall be conveyed to any Member on such day as he shall appoint, provided it be not secured by prior application.

2. There shall be a List of not more than TWELVE Members, who, on applying to the Secretaries, at the beginning of the Session, may have their names put down on the Circulation List, and receive a COPY of the Dissertation on the day they appoint, without giving any further notice during the Session. But the Members on this List shall not be entitled to receive the Dissertation on any other day.

3. The OTHER COPY of the Dissertation shall, during the DAY, lie on the Library Table, and any Member removing it from the Library, shall incur the penalty of TWO SHILLINGS and SIXPENCE. After EIGHT P.M., it may, when applied for, circulate among Members whose names are NOT on the List provided according to Law 2 of this Chapter.

4. The Circulation of every Dissertation shall be commenced by the Sub-Librarian on Friday Evening immediately after the Dissertation is given in to the Chair; and the Sub-Librarian shall convey it to the next Member applying for it at EIGHT P.M. of the following day, and so on until the night appointed for its Discussion; no Member

being allowed to keep it more than TWENTY-FOUR Hours. The Dissertation shall not circulate on Sundays.

5. If, by the neglect of any Member, the Dissertation shall not be returned when called for, it shall be HIS duty to transmit it to the NEXT Member on the List ; or, should he be the LAST on the List, to the Society's Hall ; for any transgression of this Law, the offending Member shall incur a penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS.

6. The Circulation of the Dissertation shall be confined to a Circuit bounded on the North by Fettes Row, on the South by Montague Street, on the East by the Palace of Holyrood House, and on the West by the Haymarket Railway Terminus.

CHAPTER XIX.

OF FINES.

1. The Secretaries, shall mark down the name, offences, and penalties, of EACH Member who may have transgressed ANY of the Laws, in a Book to be kept for the purpose, which shall lie in one of the Drawers of the Library Table.

2. The following excuses shall entitle a Member to the remission of Fines, for absence from Ordinary Meetings of the Society, and Meetings of Committees ;—

TWO DAYS and TWO MILES absence from Town.

TWO DAYS' Confinement from Indisposition.

Attendance at CLASSES during the Hours of such Meetings (in which case it shall be necessary to

specify the Class, and that the Member was actually in attendance on it).

Attendance at the Royal Infirmary between the Hours of TWELVE and ONE, or during the time of a DISSECTION.

Officers and Pupils of the various Dispensaries, during the Hours appropriated to the reception of Patients, if engaged in duty at such times; and to the ANNUAL PUPILS of the Lying-in Hospital, if engaged in attending cases during the time the Fines are incurred.

3. NONE of the above excuses, however, shall be sustained by the Finance Committee, unless they shall have been inserted in the Book mentioned in Law 1 of this Chapter, and attested by the signature of the Member appealing, within A FORTNIGHT after the Fines have been incurred. But this Law shall not extend to those Fines incurred during the LAST fortnight of the session, previously to the first Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance Committee (Chapter. XVI. Sect. i., Law 2), all Appeals for the remission of which must be made BEFORE that Meeting.

4. When an Appeal shall be made to the Finance Committee, which appears to them reasonable, but which is not specified among the exemptions stated in Law 2, they shall have a discretionary power to admit the Appeal.

5. Such Fines as are confirmed by the Committee, the Secretaries shall register in a Book to be kept for the purpose, and shall, at the stated times (Chap. XIII., Law 17), transmit an Account of them to the Members, who may have respectively incurred them, intimating at the same time, the period within which they must be paid.

6. Any Member may appeal from the Decision of the Finance Committee, when called upon for payment of his Fines, at the stated times, by the President; but, if his Appeal be not sustained by the Society, the Appellant shall incur the ADDITIONAL penalty of FIVE SHILLINGS; and no Appeal whatever can come before the Society, that has not previously been considered by the Finance Committee.

7. Each Member, on receiving an Account of his Fines, shall pay them to the Secretaries, ON or BEFORE the day previous to the NEXT Meeting of the Finance Committee, under the penalty of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE; unless he shall have occasion to appeal to the Committee (in which case he must state his reasons for not having done so within the time limited by Law 3 of this Chapter), or from the Decision of the Committee to the Society.

8. At the appointed periods for the Collection of Fines, viz., at the THIRD Ordinary Meetings in the Months of NOVEMBER, JANUARY, and MARCH, and at the FIRST Extraordinary Meeting at the CLOSE of the Session, the President in office shall receive from the Finance Committee the statement specified in Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Laws 2 and 6; and EVERY Member who has not then paid his Fines, shall by him be called upon for the payment of them, with the additional Penalty of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE, as directed in the preceding Law.

9. Any Member who neglects the payment of his Fines, at either of the appointed Ordinary Meetings in November, January, and March, as directed in the preceding Law, shall forfeit his privileges as a Member; and the FIRST Fine of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE shall be repeated

at EACH successive Ordinary Meeting of the Society, until the WHOLE Sum is paid. In such case of neglect, the Secretaries shall officially acquaint the Member that his Fines are accumulating, according to law.

10. At the FIRST Extraordinary Meeting at the CLOSE of the Session, or previously to it if he be about to leave Town, every Member must discharge his debts to the Society ; or, in default thereof, shall incur the penalty of a sum EQUAL to his original Fine, and be deprived of the privileges of a Member, till the WHOLE sum is paid.

11. In case any Member, who has been proscribed for TWELVE MONTHS, do not pay his debts to the Society, he shall be EXPELLED, unless he can offer such an excuse for his neglect as shall be deemed satisfactory to the Society. Proper intimation shall be given to the proscribed Member.

12. During the Recess, a Member about to leave Town, shall apply to the Secretaries for an account of any Fines which he may have incurred, and shall discharge the same to them. The Money so received shall be paid by the Secretaries to the Treasurer, if none of the Presidents be in Town, within a FORTNIGHT from the receipt of it, under the penalty of TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

13. After the Meetings of the Finance Committee in MAY and JULY, the Secretaries shall transmit to EVERY Member an account of his Fines ; which must be paid ON or BEFORE the succeeding Thursday, under the additional penalty of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE. There shall be NO APPEAL from the Decisions of the Finance Committee at their Meetings during the Recess.

CHAPTER XX.

OF ACCUSATIONS AND EXPULSION.

1. Any Member dissatisfied with the conduct of another, may accuse him. An Extraordinary Meeting shall be appointed for judging of the accusation; and intimation of the day appointed shall be given in writing, by the Secretaries, to the Party accused.

2. If the accused Member, after having received intimation of the accusation, do not appear in his own defence, or send a satisfactory excuse, he shall thereby incur the penalty of EXPULSION; and if the accusing Member do not appear to substantiate his charge, or send a satisfactory excuse, he also shall incur the penalty of EXPULSION.

3. At the Meeting for considering the accusation, the Party accusing and the Party accused, unless they obtain leave from the President, shall be allowed to speak only TWICE on the subject, the accuser beginning; after this, the Parties shall withdraw till called for.

4. After the Parties have retired, the President shall ask the opinion of the Members upon the subject. No one shall speak more than TWICE, unless he obtain leave from the President.

5. The accusation shall be determined by Ballot. If the sense of the Society be in favour of it, the accused Member shall incur such penalty as shall be determined by a MAJORITY of the Society, on the proposal of the accuser; if not, the accuser shall be fined TEN SHILLINGS AND SIX-PENCE.

6. Any Member dissatisfied with the conduct of a President, may accuse him ;—an Extraordinary Meeting shall be appointed for judging of the accusation. If the Society find the allegation just, the President shall be censured or deposed ; if not, the accuser shall incur the penalty of TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

7. No accused Member shall be permitted to resign his Seat until the accusation be decided.

8. Expulsion shall take place for breach of the following Laws :—Chap. VI., Law 11. Chap. XI., Law 20. Chap. XVII., Laws 20 and 23. Chap. XVIII., Sect. i., Law 11. Chap. XIX., Law 11. Chap. XX., Law 2.—The SAME penalty shall be inflicted on any Member who shall publish, or intentionally furnish any person with materials for publishing, any Transactions of the Society without their authority ; as also for falsifying a Letter to the Secretaries, in the case specified in Chap. XI., Law 4, and for making an appeal in the Fine-Book, inconsistent with fact. In which cases a Motion may be made to that effect at an Ordinary Meeting of the Society, and balloted for at the next Ordinary Meeting.

9. Immediately after an Expulsion has been carried, it shall be determined by Ballot whether or not it shall be published in the Newspapers.

CHAPTER XXI.

OF DIPLOMAS.

1. Every Member requesting a Diploma or Certificate,

must petition for it in writing. The Petition shall be immediately determined by Ballot.

2. No Member shall be entitled to receive a Diploma or Certificate, until he shall have discharged his Debts to the Society.

3. No Member who has at any former period received a Certificate, shall be granted a Diploma, unless the Certificate formerly granted be returned to the Secretaries.

4. No Member shall be granted a SECOND Diploma of the same kind on any account whatever, unless the FIRST be returned.

5. The Secretaries shall not affix the Seal of the Society to any Certificate or Diploma, on which the name and date are not specified.

6. Every Member, Ordinary or Extraordinary, when granted a Certificate or Diploma, shall pay to the President in the Chair the sum of FIVE SHILLINGS.

7. Every Member, when granted a President's Diploma, shall pay to the President in the Chair the sum of TEN SHILLINGS.

8. The Society may grant to an ORDINARY Member the following Certificate :—

SOCIETAS MEDICA EDINBURGENA, Anno Domini MDCCXXXVII. constituta, et Regiâ Auctoritate, Anno Domini MDCCLXXVIII. confirmata, Omnibus ad quos hæc pervenerint, Salutem.

Ingenuum ornatissimumque Virum ———, quippe cujus gravissime commendata fuerit, et in moribus integritas, et in discendis literis diligentia, Die ———, Numero nostro, liberis Sociorum suffragiis, adscripsimus; Adscriptumque Disputationibus ita interfuisse vidimus ut omni attentione eas, omnique ingenio juvaret.

Quæ cum ita essent, ut ea Omnibus cognita vellemus, hasce ei Literas Sigillo nostro Præsidiumque manibus munitas, Discendenti lubentissimè donamus.

Edinburgi, Anno, etc.——

9. The Society may grant to an EXTRAORDINARY Member the following Diploma :—

SOCIETAS MEDICA EDINBURGENA, etc.

Ingenuus ornatissimusque Vir ———, dum Socius Nobis per —— interfuit, plurima, eademque pulcherrima, haud minus ingenii felicitis, quam diligentie insignis, animique ad optimum quodque parati, Exempla, in medium protulit. In quorum fidem, has Literas, meritis tantum concessas, manibus nostris Sigilloque munitas, Discedenti lubentissimè donamus.

Edinburgi, Anno, etc.

10. The Society may grant to an Annual PRESIDENT the following Diploma :—

SOCIETAS MEDICA EDINBURGENA, etc.

Ingenuum ornatissimumque Virum ———, ut qui nullis non ingenii opibus instructus primas apud nos meritò sibi vindicaret, haud indignum judicavimus quem ad honorificum Præsidis annui munus, Comitibus ad id habitis, —— everheremus : eVectum nec rebus nostris nec suæ ipsius famæ defuisse his literis, manibus nostris nostroque Sigillo munitis, lubentissimè omnibus testamur.

Edinburgi, Anno, etc.——

11. The Society may grant to a CORRESPONDING Member the following Diploma :—

SOCIETAS MEDICA EDINBURGENA, etc.

*Eximium ornatissimumque Virum ———, quippe quem Scientiam Medicam ingenio felici et laudabili diligentia pro-
vexisse, certiores facti fuerimus inter Socios Externos ad-
scripsimus : In cujus rei fidem, has Literas Meritis tantum
concessas, manibus nostris Sigilloque munitas expedire lu-
bentissimè jussimus.*

Edinburgi, Anno, etc. ———

12. The Society may grant to an HONORARY Member the following Diploma :—

SOCIETAS MEDICA EDINBURGENA, etc.

*Spectatissimum ornatissimumque Virum ———, inter
Primates, nempe Honorarios, nostræ Societatis adscripsimus ;
quippe cujus felicitis ingenii, laudum, inque Rempublicam
meritorum, animique ad optimum quodque parati, certiores
facti fuerimus : In quorum fidem, has Literas, manibus nos-
tris Societatisque Sigillo obsignatas, lubentissimè donamus.*

Edinburgi, Anno, etc. ———

13. Any Member intending to resign his Seat, shall, previously to tendering his resignation, return to the Secretaries any Diploma which he may have obtained from the Society.

TABLE
OF THE PRINCIPAL PROCEEDINGS, APPOINTED
FOR PARTICULAR PERIODS DURING
THE SESSION.

OCTOBER.

SECOND FRIDAY.

Secretaries to give notice to the senior Ordinary Member then resident in Edinburgh, to deliver to the Librarian on the last Friday of October, Two Copies of a Dissertation on the subject allotted to him.—Chap. XIII., Law 9; and Chap. XVIII., Sect. i., Law 6.

LAST FRIDAY.

The first Writer to deliver to the Librarian, Two Copies of a Dissertation on the Subject allotted to him.—Chap. XVIII., Sect. i., Law 6.

NOVEMBER.

FIRST FRIDAY.

The Secretaries to transmit to every Member a written Account of his Fines.—Chap. XIII., Law 17.

Secretaries to hang up in the Library a List, specifying the names of the Members who are to write during the Session, the Subject of their respective Dissertations, and the date on which they are to be given in.—Chap. XIII., Law 8.

First Ordinary Meeting of the Society, at five minutes after Seven o'clock P.M.—Chap. I., Law 1.

SECOND FRIDAY.

Secretaries to present to Finance Committee a Statement of every Member's Account of Fines.—Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 6.

Discussion of the first Dissertation.—Chap. XVIII., Sect. i., Law 7.

THIRD FRIDAY.

Statement of Accounts presented to the President in the Chair, and collection of Fines by him.—Chap. XIX., Law 8; and Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 6.

NOVEMBER 16,

IF A FRIDAY, OR THE FIRST FOLLOWING FRIDAY IF NOT.

(Viz., *The FOURTH FRIDAY, when the 1st of the Month is a Friday; and the THIRD FRIDAY, when otherwise.*)

President to give notice that the Election of Annual Presidents will take place at the next Ordinary Meeting.—Chap. XI., Law 1.

A Committee to be appointed to prepare a List of those qualified to Vote, and report at the next Ordinary Meeting.—Chap. XI., Law 2; and Chap. XVI., Sect. iii., Law 1.

FIRST FOLLOWING FRIDAY.

(Viz., *The FIFTH FRIDAY, when the 1st of the Month is a Friday; and the FOURTH FRIDAY when otherwise*).

Election of the Annual Presidents.—Chap. XI., Laws 1–9. A Committee to be appointed to examine and report the List of Votes.—Chap. XI., Law 8; and Chap. XVI., Sect. iii., Law 2.

SECOND FOLLOWING FRIDAY.

(Viz., *The FIFTH FRIDAY, when the 1st of the Month is a Thursday; and the FIRST FRIDAY in DECEMBER when otherwise*).

Election of Secretaries, Curator of Library, and of the Finance and Library Committees.—Chap. XIII., Law 1; Chap. XIV., Law 1; and Chap. XVI., Laws 1–3.

BEFORE THE LAST FRIDAY.

Secretary to send written notice to Members that the Annual Contributions must be paid on the first Friday in December.—Chap. VI., Laws 8 and 10; and Chap. XIII., Law 11.

DECEMBER.

DURING FIRST WEEK.

Finance Committee to call in all outstanding Accounts.—Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 7.

FIRST FRIDAY.

Collection of Annual Contributions.—Chap. VI., Laws 8, 10, and 11.

Library Committee to appoint a Sub-Committee to prepare a Report on the state of the Periodical Publications.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 9.

THIRD FRIDAY.

Library Committee to Present a Report on the state of the Periodical Publications.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 9.

JANUARY.

JANUARY 2.

Earliest period for the proposal of Corresponding or Honorary Members.—Chaps. VIII. and IX., Law 1.

FIRST FRIDAY.

The Secretaries to transmit to every Member a written Account of his Fines.—Chap. XIII., Law 17.

SECOND FRIDAY.

Secretaries to present to the Finance Committee a Statement of every Member's Account of Fines.—Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 6.

Committee of Finance to present a Statement of the Funds and Expenditure.—Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 8.

THIRD FRIDAY.

Statement of Accounts presented by the Finance Committee to the President in the Chair ; and collection of Fines by him.—Chap. XIX., Law 8 ; and Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 6.

FEBRUARY.

FIRST FRIDAY.

EVERY SECOND YEAR.

The President to give notice that all proposals for making or repealing Laws must be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting.—Chap. V., Law 1.

SECOND FRIDAY.

EVERY SECOND YEAR.

Proposals for making or repealing of Laws to be presented ; and an Extraordinary Meeting for determining them to be appointed by the President, between the third and fourth Fridays of the month.—Chap. V., Law 1.

MARCH.

BEFORE THE FIRST FRIDAY.

Library Committee to hang up in the Library a List of the Subjects which they have chosen for the Dissertations of the ensuing Session.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 13.

FIRST FRIDAY.

The Secretaries to transmit to every Member a written Account of his Fines.—Chap. XIII., Law 17.

Library Committee to appoint a Sub-Committee to prepare a Report on the state of the Periodical Publications.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 9.

SECOND FRIDAY.

Secretaries to present to the Finance Committee a Statement of every Member's Account of Fines.—Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 6.

President to order all Books and Apparatus of the Society to be returned on or before the ensuing Wednesday, at Twelve o'clock.—Chap. XVII., Law 29.

Sub-Librarian to notify the above order to Members.—Chap. XIII., Law 21 ; and Chap. XVII., Law 30.

BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD FRIDAYS.

Library Committee to meet for the consideration of Subjects proposed to them by individual Members.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 14.

THIRD FRIDAY.

Statement of Accounts presented by the Finance Committee to the President in the Chair, and collection of Fines by him.—Chap. XIX., Law 8 ; and Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 6.

Library Committee to present a List of Subjects for the Dissertations to be written on during the ensuing Session.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 14.

Library Committee to present a Report on the state of the Periodical Publications, and appoint a Committee to examine the Order Book.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Laws 9 and 10.

A Committee to be appointed to examine the Library and Apparatus.—Chap. XVI., Sect. iii., Law 3 ; and Chap. XVII., Law 29.

FOURTH FRIDAY.

Library Committee to present Report by their Sub-Committee on Books ordered within the last twelve months, but not received.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 10.

Allotment of the Subjects of the Dissertation, to be written on during the ensuing Session.—Chap. XVIII., Sect. i., Law 2.

LAST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SESSION.

(Viz., *The night on which the TWENTIETH Dissertation falls to be read.*)

Latest period for the admission of Ordinary Members.—Chap. VI., Law 1.

A Committee to be elected to examine the Accounts of the Annual Presidents.—Chap., XVI., Sect. iii., Law 5.

The Library Committee to report the number of Copies of the Catalogue, Laws, and List of Members, on hand.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 11.

THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY.

First Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance Committee, and Secretaries to transmit to every Member a written Account of his Fines.—Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 2.

THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY.

Second Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance Committee, and presentation of the Statement of Accounts to the President in the Chair.—Chap. XIX., Law 8 ; and Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 2.

First Extraordinary Meeting of the Society at the close of the Session, and collection, by the President in the Chair, of the Money due to the Society.—Chap. II., Law 4 ; and Chap. XIX., Law 8.

THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY.

Second Extraordinary Meeting of the Society at the close of the Session, for receiving the Reports of the Committee of Finance, and of the Committee appointed to examine the President's Accounts.—Chap. II., Law 4 ; Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Laws 8 and 11 ; and Sect. iii., Law 5.

Amount of Grant to the Library Committee for purchase of Books during the Recess, to be determined.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 19.

NOTE.—*There shall be no Meeting on Good-Friday ; and should Good-Friday fall within the Session, the appointments for that night shall be transferred to the next Friday, and those for all subsequent nights shall be put forward one week. The Committees whose Ordinary Meeting may fall on Good-Friday, shall meet on the Thursday preceding, at One o'clock P.M.*

THE PRESIDENTS

Are required to attend the Meetings of the Society, and to officiate according to seniority (Chap. XI., Laws 11 and

13); shall pay to the Treasurer, within eight days, all Monies they may collect or receive (Chap. XI., Law 24).

The President of PRIVATE BUSINESS

Shall read the Minutes of the preceding Ordinary Meeting, and of all Extraordinary Meetings that may have taken place during the week (Chap. XI., Law 23).

Shall receive and inspect the Dissertation, and announce the name of the Writer of the next Dissertation (Chap. XVIII., Sect. i., Laws 6 to 13).

Shall take care that the Business appointed for that Evening is transacted, and shall announce Appointments for particular nights (See the foregoing Table).

Shall announce all Vacancies that may occur in any office of the Society, and give notice of the time appointed for supplying them (Chap. XI., Law 23).

Shall receive the Entrance Money, and collect the Annual Contributions and Fines, when due (Chap. VI., Laws 7 and 8; and Chap. XIX., Law 8).

Shall regulate the Discussions, and draw up the Minutes of Private Business (Chap. XI., Laws 19 to 22).

Shall not allow Private Business to be prolonged beyond Five Minutes before Eight o'clock, except for the purpose allowed by Law (Chap. I., Law 3).

Shall attend the Library or Finance Committee, if it meet the same night; as also, all the meetings of either Committee that may occur previously to the succeeding Friday, (Chap. XI., Law 17).

The President of PUBLIC BUSINESS

Shall regulate the Discussion (Chap. XI., Laws 19 20, and 21); shall not allow Medical News to be protracted beyond Ten o'clock (Chap. XI., Law 18); shall read the

Dissertation in the absence or at the request of the Author, (Chap. XI., Law 18) ; shall draw up the Minutes of Public Business (Chap. XI., Law 22) ; and shall, at Eleven o'clock, if the discussion be prolonged till that hour, sign a paper, on which Members putting down their names, may leave the Meeting without subjecting themselves to fine (Chap. I., Law 4).

Shall attend the Library or Finance Committee, if it meet the same night, and also all the Meetings of either Committee that may occur previously to the succeeding Friday (Chap. XI., Law 17).

Is President of the week : in which capacity he shall superintend the other Office-Bearers in the performance of their duties, and Fine them for neglect (Chap. XI., Law 25) ; he shall preside at the Private Business of the succeeding Ordinary Meeting, and at all Extraordinary Meetings that may occur during the week (Chap. XI., Laws 11 and 17).

During the Recess, the Presidents in Town shall attend the Meetings of the Standing Committees. The senior President in Town shall preside at all Extraordinary Meetings that may be held during the Recess (Chap. II., Law 7).

COMMITTEES

DURING THE SESSION.

The Finance Committee meet on the second and fourth Fridays of every Month, at Six o'clock P.M., and present Reports to the society at the second Ordinary Meeting in January, and at the second Extraordinary Meeting at the close of the Session.—Chap. XVI., Sect. i.

The Library Committee meet on the first and third Fridays of every Month at Six o'clock P.M., and present to the Society a List of Books which they propose to be purchased. They shall at the appointed time prepare a List of Subjects for the Dissertation of the next Session, and shall present the other Reports required of them by Law.—See Chap. XVI., Sect. ii.

THE RECESS

COMMENCES on Saturday succeeding the second Extraordinary Meeting of the Society at the close of the Session, and terminates on the first Ordinary Meeting of the Society.

During the Recess, the Finance Committee meet on the second Friday of each Month at One o'clock P.M.—Chap. XVI., Sect. i., Law 3.

The Library Committee meet on the first Monday of every Month at Three o'clock P.M.—Chap. XVI., Sect. ii., Law 19.

T A B L E S

OF THE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY, ACCORDING TO
THE EARLIEST AND LATEST DAY ON WHICH THE
FIRST FRIDAY OF NOVEMBER CAN FALL.

Friday, November 1. 1st Meeting.	Friday, November 7. 1st Meeting.
8. 1st Dissertation.	14. 1st Dissertation.
15. 2d do.	21. 2d do.
22. 3d do.	28. 3d do.
29. 4th do.	Friday, December 5. 4th do.
Friday, December 6. 5th do.	12. 5th do.
13. 6th do.	19. 6th do.
20. 7th do.	26.
27.	Friday, January 2. 7th do.
Friday, January 3. 8th do.	9. 8th do.
10. 9th do.	16. 9th do.
17. 10th do.	23. 10th do.
24. 11th do.	30. 11th do.
31. 12th do.	Friday, February 6. 12th do.
Friday, February 7. 13th do.	13. 13th do.
14. 14th do.	20. 14th do.
21. 15th do.	27. 15th do.
28. 16th do.	Friday, March 6. 16th do.
Friday, March 7. 17th do.	13. 17th do.
14. 18th do.	20. 18th do.
21. 19th do.	27. 19th do.
28. 20th do.	Friday, April 3. 20th do.
Wednesday, April 2. 1st Extraordi- nary Meeting.	Wednesday, April 8. 1st Extraordi- nary Meeting.
Friday, „ 4. 2d do. do.	Friday, „ 10. 2d do. do.

NOTE.—There being no Meeting on Good-Friday, the Session will be prolonged One Week, should that Day happen to fall within it.

APPENDIX TO THE LAWS
OF THE
ROYAL MEDICAL SOCIETY,

CONTAINING THE ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS MADE AT

THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

HELD FEBRUARY 23. 1859.

The subjoined Laws will now read as follows :—

GENERAL MAXIMS.

2. The Society's Hall and Library shall be open to Members DAILY, from NINE A.M. to TEN P.M., except on Sundays, on the Fast Days appointed by the Church of Scotland, and during the hours appropriated to Divine Service on the Saturday preceding and Monday following the Communion Services of that Church, and on Christmas and New-Year's Day, Good Friday, and the Birth-day of the reigning Sovereign.

CHAPTER VI.

10. Resident Licensed Practitioners, of not less than three years' standing, Resident Physicians and Surgeons in the

Royal Infirmary, if holding their appointments for not less than six months, Demonstrators and Teachers in the University and College of Surgeons, if elected Members of the Society, shall be exempted from compulsory attendance at the Meetings of the Society, and from service on Committees, but in all other respects be subject to the Laws affecting Ordinary Members.

CHAPTER XI.

7. On the Evening of Election, each Member, on being called upon, according to seniority, to deliver the List of those for whom he has Voted, shall be required by the President to state his adherence to the following Declaration, which shall be read by the President to the Society previous to the Election—

I declare that, in Voting for the FOUR Gentlemen whose names are in this List, I am bound by no promise, nor influenced by any motive or consideration, except the conviction, that these FOUR are best entitled to the honour which our united suffrage is believed to confer.

22. The Minutes of the Proceedings of Private and Public Business shall be authenticated by the signatures of the respective Presidents and Secretaries.

23. The President, in Private Business, shall announce from the Chair every Vacancy in any Office of the Society when it shall occur ; or, if it happen in the middle of the week, he shall take care that notice of it be inserted in the Minutes of the ensuing Ordinary Meeting, and it shall be filled up at the following one.

CHAPTER XIII.

2. The mode of Election to the above Office shall be the same as is prescribed for Committees, in Chap. XVI., Laws 2-4 ; with the exception that no Member of less than two months' standing be allowed to vote ; which Laws shall also apply to the filling up of any Vacancies in the Office that may occur during the SESSION.

5. The Secretaries shall call over the names of the Ordinary Members at the times appointed by Law, and shall draw up accurate Minutes of the Proceedings, both of Private and Public Business, and shall transcribe the same into the Records of the Society, attesting them with their Signatures.

CHAPTER XIV.

1. A Member (not holding the Office of President or Secretary) shall be annually elected to the Office of CURATOR of the Library. He shall be chosen on the night AFTER the Election of the Annual Presidents, and under the same Laws as regulate the Election of Secretaries.

CHAPTER XVI.

17. The Finance and Library Committees shall hold their Ordinary Meetings during the Session at half-past six o'clock P.M. (For hours of other Meetings see Chap. XVI., Sect. i, Laws 2 and 3, and Sect. ii., Law 19.)

18. It shall be competent for the Members of either

Committee to alter the hour of Meeting, should they agree to do so unanimously, and obtain the consent of the President, who is to serve upon the Committee.

Sec. i., Law 2, and Sect. ii., Law 1, are altered so far as affected by Law 17.

